From: Mitch Lee
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/23/02 4:37pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir,

I am a US citizen in San Francisco and I would like to express my concern at the Proposed Final Judgement. As a software engineer, I have been keeping tabs on the DOJ vs. Microsoft trial from the beginning. I have seen their corporate bully tactics in the courtroom and in the industry and I am appalled that the Proposed Final Judgement does nothing to address this. It is clear that Microsoft is a monopoly and has used their position in the past to leverage their market and even eliminate some promising new technologies. The Proposed Final Judgement should have some effect in terms of leveling the playing field as well as punishing Microsoft for engaging in monopolistic practices. My personal opinion is that they should release the source code to their Windows operating system as they have closed their internal API's in order to create a system of dependence. Thus third parties are wholley reliant upon Microsoft's "kindness." Please do not allow this to happen. Recently there was a fantastic CPU called Alpha which was owned by Compaq and sold to Intel. This technology was years ahead of Intel's own processors but Intel is not buying it to improve upon it but so that it goes away quietly. I understand that better technologies don't always win, but Microsoft has used their monopoly to quash other promising ideas. Please do not agree to the current Proposed Final Judgement but improve upon it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Mitch Lee

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